

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are all the claims pending in the application.

In the Action dated October 5, 2007, the Examiner indicates that claim 1 is allowable and that claims 2-3 and 8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In addition, the Examiner objects to claims 4-7 and 10-11 as being in improper multi-dependent claims.

Claims 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10 have been amended to depend only from claim 1. It is respectfully submitted that each of claims 2-11 depend, directly or indirectly, for claim 1, and thus, these claims are patentable for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

In addition, claim 1 has been amended to change "the gap" to --a gap--, as suggested by the Examiner.

Accordingly, allowance of claims 1-11 is respectfully requested.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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